

Mt Cook School Pānui

TERM 1 WEEK 5

6th March 2025



Dobar dahn, Nabad, Ciao, Ni hao, Namaste, Valttukkal, Abhinandan, Subhakansalu, Grītigaza, Talofa, Bonjour, Χαίρετίσματα, Grűß, Zdravím, Приветствия, Sawasdee, Konnichiwa, Pozdrowenia, Selamlar, Guten Tag, 안녕하세요, Salaam Aleikum, Marhaba, Nay Hoh, Ayubowan, Xin Chào, Kia Orana, Shalom,

Tēnā tātou katoa e te whānau,

Thank you to all our whānau who made time this week to meet with their young person's kaiako. We love to celebrate our amazing tamariki with their whānau and to learn more about them.

Everyone who booked a meeting went into the draw for a \$50 New World voucher.

Congratulations to:
Lauren Riley-Strong.

Come and collect your voucher from Briar in the office!

Over the next few weeks the Wellington City Council will be delivering the Land Transport speed changes around schools. While it is **not** the patrolled kea crossing we would like, we are happy that the speed limit around schools will be 30km/h between 8.30-9.00am and 2.30pm-3.00pm on school days.

This week saw the completion of the new stairs between the top court and the lower court. This project also included a couple of small gardens. Thank you to Ted and his team from Field and Hall for their great work.

We have also completed the renovation of our sensory room.

Our sensory room is a space where our ākonga can experience learning that helps to regulate, relax and energise them.

Our kaiako are very busy building their skills and knowledge. We have had kaiako learning about the Numicon maths resource that is now being used in our Teina rohe. Prime Maths has been used at Mt Cook School for the last ten years and we are pleased that the MOE now supports the costs around this programme.

Enjoy this fortnight's pānui!

Adrianne McAllister





Learning in Teina Rohe

Katipō

In Katipō we have been getting back into the swing of school. We are working hard on our structured literacy lessons, and we are having fun learning how to use numicon for maths. If you would like to know more you can visit <https://www.numicon.co.nz/>

There is a short video that explains what numicon is and how it is used in the classroom.

We have made some beautiful self portraits using cardboard and paint. This week we are writing about our names and why they are special to us.



Mako

Mako class has been settling in and getting to know each other. We have been sharing and writing about ourselves, which you can see in our self-portrait art. We are learning about letter sounds and how to split up the sounds in words to read them. Mako has been focusing on creating a positive environment for learning and it is so lovely to see students working so well together - helping each other and trying hard in learning.





Learning in Teina Rohe

Pekapeka Kererū

In Kererū and Pekapeka we have been enjoying our topic of Belonging--He whānau kotahi tātou. We drew and painted our houses and apartments and used crayons to create self portraits. We also used our number skills to make pictograms about ourselves and favourite foods.

We have continued to grow our letter and sound knowledge through our Better Start Literacy Approach and are enjoying our handwriting time.

Our play based learning sessions have been great fun with water and sand play. We also had a lovely morning playing a football tournament with Little Dribblers.

Kiwi

In Kiwi class, we have been learning about where we come from and how our countries are each unique and special to us. We have spent the past few weeks learning about our different communities and the places that we belong. We have also been exploring the diversity in our classroom and we have created some self portrait artwork to celebrate this.



Year 7/8 Camp at Teapot Valley

Happy chatter fills the crowded environment, teachers talking to one another and to students about camp.

The bus is filled with anxious but excited students, an hour and a half quickly passing in the idea of being away from school work. When the ferry comes into view people start to get nervous, some already starting to miss home.

On the ferry we explored the boat before going down to our assigned area. The wait for the ferry to start wouldn't have been fun without people to talk to, the teachers were great to talk to about camp-since most of them have been to camp before, friends talked excitedly to one another.

Outside the ferry, glistening blue waves stretched across as far as the eye could see. White sea foam gathered around the boat. Jellyfish mixed in with the ocean, dolphins splashed in the distance.

At camp, breakfast was served with the option of stewed fruit, yogurt, rice pops, porridge and cornflakes. After that was our first activity. The activities were: slug guns, archery, rock climbing, crate stacking, swimming, confidence course, and go carting (each day we had four activities minus Wednesday). We did one in our activity groups before we had a break. The staff were lovely, allowing the activities to fly by. Lunch was something different everyday, same with dinner.

On Wednesday, the staff from Teapot Valley Camp gave us lunch and snacks to prepare for the four hour walk in the Abel Tasman. The view was amazing but when we got to the beach it was somehow even better. On the water taxi back, the sea was choppy. Not even half way back to camp we spotted a mako shark.

Thursday was the last full day at camp. Instead of having four activities we had three, which gave us more time to relax and prepare for leaving the joyful and wonderful place. At night we played spotlight which was so much fun!

On Friday we woke up at six to leave. The ferry and bus ride was still as loud as at the start with the exception of a few people sleeping.

I'm sure everyone at camp can say that it was an amazing place to spend the week!

Written by Ivy



Night Rush

The warm night air brushed against my cheeks as I hid away behind a building, waiting for the perfect moment to sprint towards the big abseiling tower, looming in the distance. A small twig cracks behind me with a loud snap and I whirl around in surprise, my heart racing. My senses were on high alert, searching for any hint of a flashlight, but it was just a sparrow. I let out a sigh of relief and resume my searching of the grounds. I can't help but shed a layer of clothing. I had lost track of who this hoodie belonged to at this point, in the thrill of the night everyone had become more friendly towards each other. I crane my neck, staring up at the starlit sky, a beautiful calm, contrasting against the rush of the night. Out in the countryside, the stars shone brighter than ever, glistening together in the milky way. This was the quiet before the storm...

By Zara



Our Values

Waewae Kai Kapua, Mana Tamariki, Manaakitanga, Auahatanga

Manaakitanga champions for this fortnight are:

Kota, Noah E, Jahed, Summer, Khanak, Tilda, Eseat, Helen,

Mana Tamariki champions for this fortnight are:

Helen, Eva, Ida, Igelese, Thomas, Dontay and Ada.

Waewae Kai Kapua champions for this fortnight are:

Joy, Eva, Bella, Phong, Toby and Alastrina

Auahatanga champions for this fortnight are:

Brody, Matteo, Alice, Iriaka, Irie and Iva.





School Lunch Orders

School lunches can be ordered through
[EZ Lunch](#)

We have the following options available:

Tuesday: Sushi

Thursday: Vietnamesey

Wednesday & Friday: Subway

Late Arrivals

The bell rings to start the day at 9am. Please make sure your young person is at school by 8.55am at the latest

If tamariki arrive after 9, they need to go and see Briar in the office before going to class so that they can be marked present.



Communication

Important school information is sent out via HERO, our student management system. You will get notification of a new HERO message to the email address that we have on file for you.

If you need to update your email, please let Briar know (office@mtcook.school.nz).

We would like all families to set up their own HERO account. You will need to register using the email address that you have given to school.

You can also follow our Mt Cook School Facebook page for updates about what's happening at school.

Accelerated Learning

Silvia will be working alongside ākonga to provide accelerated learning in literacy and Maths for Tuakana Tamariki.

Asuka will be supporting learning in the Tuakana rohe spaces to ensure that all our ākonga can access the curriculum.

If your tamariki is lucky enough to be working alongside these Kaiako please make sure that they are at school every day.

Lawn Mowing

We are currently looking for someone to garden maintenance which will include mowing our school lawns and weed eating.

This job includes mowing all lawns, the field and secret garden lawn and also weed eating all around the school.

There could also be some garden maintenance involved.

Please get in contact with us through the office on 04 385 9432 or via email.



MT COOK SCHOOL

2025 marks the 150th anniversary of Mt Cook School. This is a huge milestone and we are looking forward to celebrating throughout the year both through our learning programmes and with our wider community.

Our special celebration weekend will take place on the weekend of August 30th/ 31st 2025.

Mark the date in your calendars! It will be a time for students, whānau and staff from the present and the past to come together to share stories and memories ... and of course kai!

If you have memories, photos or contacts for past students or staff then please pass them on to Kate kashby@mtcook.school.nz

We will be updating the school Facebook page with stories and information as well as our 150th anniversary Instagram page @mtcook150. Follow along to keep updated.

Community Notices



Victoria University Coastal Ecology Lab

ANNUAL OPEN DAY

Saturday 8 March

10am-3pm



Bring the family for a fun and educational day to celebrate NZ Sea Week!

- 🐟 Interactive displays showcasing **marine biology research** at VUW
- 🐟 Touch tanks of marine creatures
- 🐟 Our virtual reality diving experience
- 🐟 And much more...including a sausage sizzle

*396 The Esplanade, Island Bay



TENNIS COACHING

Sundays Term 1
9am – 12pm

Learn to play tennis now!
FREE try-out lesson.

clubspark.kiwi/kilbirnie/juniors/hotshots



Kilbirnie Tennis Club

PUKEAHU | NATIONAL WAR MEMORIAL PARK



Pukeahu Play Festival 2025

Saturday, 22 March, 12pm—4pm

Pukeahu National War Memorial Park

Nau mai tamariki and whānau! Let's celebrate Wellington's cultural diversity through the power of play, in the heart of Pōneke.

Pārekareka
play your way every day

**Absolutely Positively
Wellington City Council**
Me Heke Ki Pōneke

**Manatū
Taonga** | Ministry
for Culture
& Heritage



Community Notices



**JUNIOR & YOUTH
REGISTRATIONS
OPEN**

**Register online at www.islandbayunited.org or
your Friendly Manager login**

Registrations close 21 March

Community Notices



Fundraiser for one of our Mt Cook whānau

More details: <https://events.humanitix.com/flow-day-night-party-fundraiser-for-blakey>
